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In re Application of

James G. Shepard, et al.

Serial No.: 10/756,553 : Art Unit: 2675
Filed: January 13, 2004 : Examiner: Nathan A. Bowers
For: **STANDOFF BIOAGENT-DETECTION APPARATUS AND
METHOD USING MULTI-WAVELENGTH DIFFERENTIAL
LASER-INDUCED FLUORESCENCE**

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AMENDMENT B

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the subsequent Remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2;

Remarks begin on page 7; and

Conclusion is on page 9.